

## CLAIMS

1. A sealing apparatus, comprising:  
an elongated sealing member; and  
an elongated receiver portion having at least one engagement aperture to receive the sealing member, the receiver portion having an opening extending along a length of the receiver portion and having lugs that project generally outwardly from the receiver portion proximate to the opening.
2. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the opening includes ridges that extend along the length of the receiver, and wherein the lugs extend outwardly and upwardly from the ridges.
3. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the opening includes ridges that extend along the length of the receiver, and wherein the lugs extend generally downwardly and are coupled to the receiver portion at respective locations that are spaced apart from the ridges.
4. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated sealing member has a circular cross-section; and the engagement aperture of the receiver portion has an approximately circular cross-sectional shape that is configured to receive the sealing member.
5. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the receiver portion includes a handle that extends at least a portion of the length of the receiver portion and extends outwardly from the receiver portion.
6. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sealing portion includes an opening that extends along a length of the sealing portion and a lanyard that extends through the opening.

7. The sealing apparatus of claim 6, wherein the lanyard is further coupled to the receiver portion.

8. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a flexible coupling member that couples the sealing portion to the receiver portion.

9. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sealing portion and the receiver portion are comprised of a resilient polymeric material.

10. The sealing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the resilient polymeric material includes a polyurethane.

11. The sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sealing portion and the receiver portion are comprised of a generally flexible metallic material.

12. A sealing apparatus for sealing a bag, comprising:  
an elongated receiver portion having at least one engagement aperture configured to receive a sealing member through an opening extending along a length of the receiver portion, the receiver portion including lugs that project generally outwardly from the receiver portion that are proximate to the opening.

13. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the opening includes ridges that extend along the length of the receiver, and wherein the lugs extend generally outwardly and upwardly from the ridges.

14. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the opening includes ridges that extend along the length of the receiver, and wherein the lugs extend generally downwardly and are coupled to the receiver portion at respective locations that are spaced apart from the ridges.

15. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the elongated sealing member has a circular cross-section; and the engagement aperture of the receiver portion has an approximately circular cross-sectional shape that is configured to receive the sealing member.

16. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the receiver portion includes a handle that extends at least a portion of the length of the receiver portion and projects outwardly from the receiver portion.

17. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the sealing portion includes an opening that extends along a length of the sealing portion and a lanyard formed into a loop that extends through the opening.

18. The sealing apparatus of claim 17, wherein the lanyard is further coupled to the receiver portion.

19. The sealing apparatus of claim 12, further comprising a flexible coupling member that couples the sealing portion to the receiver portion.

20. A method for sealing a bag using an apparatus having an elongated sealing member and an elongated receiver portion having at least one engagement aperture configured to receive the sealing member, the method comprising:

positioning a portion of a resealable bag proximate to the engagement aperture;

positioning the sealing member proximate to the portion of the resealable bag and the engagement aperture; and

pressing the sealing member into the engagement aperture of the receiver portion with the portion of the resealable bag interposed between the sealing member and the receiver portion.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein positioning a portion of a resealable bag proximate to the engagement aperture further comprises positioning an opening portion of the bag proximate to the engagement aperture.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein pressing the sealing member into the engagement aperture of the receiver portion further comprises closing the resealable bag to form a hermetic seal therein.